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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventors: Kazuaki SUZUKI; Yasushi MAEDA and

Tooru TAKEUCHI

For: A JOINT STRUCTURE USING A GUSSET PLATE, A BUILDING USING THE JOINT STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF ASSEMBLING OR REINFORCING A BUILDING

Enclosed are:

\boxtimes	A specification consisting of Twenty-eight (28) pages					
\boxtimes	Twelve (12) sheet(s) formal drawings					
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27					
	Applicant does not claim priority					
	Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-121839 filed in JAPAN on April 25, 2003. Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow.					





- $oxed{\boxtimes}$ Executed Declaration ($oxed{\boxtimes}$ Original $oxed{\square}$ Photocopy)
- \boxtimes An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☑ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- Other: Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)
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